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TAGS: EFIS VE

SUBJ: IMPORTATION OF TUNA

REF: STATE 49988

1. DRAWING ON REF, EMBOFF MADE PRELIMINARY CONTACT WITH OFFICIAL OF VENEZUELAN FOREIGN TRADE INSTITUTE (ICE) TO OUTLINE PROVISIONS OF NEW LAW GOVERNING IMPORTATION INTO THE US OF YELLOWFIN TUNA.

2. TERMS OF GENERAL PROHIBITION RELATIVE TO PARA FIVE OF REFTEL WERE DISCUSSED WITH LIC. LUES FUSTER, WHO STATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE NEW LAW, AND THE REASONS THEREFOR. HOWEVER, LIC FUSTER STATED THAT HE WAS OF THE OPINION NO VENEZUELAN VESSELS FISH FOR TUNA IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN, BUT RATHER, IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN AND CARIBBEAN SEA.

3. LIC FUSTER DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE AN EXPERT ON VENEZUELA'S FISHERIES. NEVERTHELESS, RESOLUTION OF THIS QUESTION COULD BECOME CRUCIAL, CONSIDERING THAT IT WOULD APPEAR TO DETERMINE WHETHER VENEZUELA IS SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL PROHIBITION OF IMPORTS OF YELLOWFIN TUNA SET FORTH IN PARA FIVE OF REF.

4. IN ORDER THAT EMBASSY MIGHT BE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO POTENTIAL ICE QUERY ON VENEZUELA'S DEFINITIVE STATUS, EMBASSY UNCLASSIFIED

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WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED BY DEPT OF 1) HOW DEPT DETERMINED THAT VENEZUELA IS SUBJECT TO GENERAL PROHIBITION CONTAINED PAR FIVE REF, AND, 2) WHETHER DISCONTINUANCE OF SUCH FISHING AS SPECIFIED IN PARA FIVE, IF IN FACT IT IS NOW BEING PRACTICED BY VENEZUELAN VESSELS, WOULD EXEMPT VENEZUELA FROM GENERAL PROHIBITION REFERENCED IN PARA FIVE OF REFTL.

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